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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 03200PCT **DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)** U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 OFR 1.5) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 PRIORITY DATE 30 January 2004 (30.01.2004) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2005/001627 INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 28 January 2005 (28.01.2005) TITLE OF INVENTION Method for producing acrylic acid APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Masahide SHIMA; Tsukasa TAKAHASHI Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). has been communicated by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. is attached hereto. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. have not been made and will not be made. 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. 🗆 An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. A preliminary amendment. 14. An application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. A substitute specification. 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825. 18. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.414 and 1.491-1.492. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public, which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 15 minutes to complete, including gathering information, preparing, and submitting the completed form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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20. Other items or information:								
The following fees are submitted:						CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY		
21. ⊠ Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))					\$	\$300.00	F TO GOL GIVET	
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Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable) □ + \$360.00					\$	\$360.00		
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =					\$	\$1,260.00		
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.					\$	\$0.00		
SUBTOTAL = Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months					\$	\$1,260.00		
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In re application of: Nippon Shokubai Co., Ltd.

Serial No.: OF EVEN DATE Filed: July 12, 2006

For: Method for producing acrylic acid

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Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached patent application (or national stage documents) consisting of the following papers is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on July 12, 2006 and is addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, under Express Mail Post Office to Addressee Label No. EQ-659-110-183-US:

- 1) This Certificate Of Mailing Via Express Mail dated 07/12/2006 (one
- 2) Transmittal Letter To The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning A Submission Under 35 U.S.C. 371 dated 07/12/2006 (PTO-1390, three pages plus duplicate);
- 3) Preliminary Amendment dated July 12, 2006 (six pages);

4) Application Data Sheet (three pages);

5) Verification of Translation dated June 20, 2006 (one page) having the translation of the International Application as filed consisting of: a) Description (pages 1-13); Claims (page 14); Abstract (page 15);

6) No drawings;

- 7) Copy of the front page of WO 2005/073160 Al (one page) and International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210, two pages);
- 8) Copy of Notification Of Receipt Of Record Copy (PCT/IB/301, two pages);
- 9) Copy of the Second and Supplementary Notice Informing The Applicant Of The Communication Of The International Application (PCT/IB/308, one page);
- 10) Declaration For Utility Or Design Patent Application having Power of Attorney (three pages);
- 11) Assignment documents consisting of a) Recordation Form Cover Sheet dated 07/12/2006 (one page plus duplicate); b) Assignment of Invention (two
- 12) Information Disclosure Statement dated 07/12/2006 (two pages) having PTO-1449 form (one sheet) and the seven references noted on the PTO-1449, with an English abstract for references 1-2; and

13) Postcard Receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION OF TRANSLATION

I, Takehiko MATSUMOTO, c/o Matsumoto & Associates of 25-6, Hannan-cho 1-chome, Abeno-ku, OSAKA 545-0021 JAPAN, am proficient in both the English and Japanese languages and I personally prepared the English-language translation of the attached document, I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the translation is a complete and accurate translation of the Japanese document into the

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